

In the Specification:

Please amend paragraph [0135] of the Specification as illustrated herein below in redline form. The amendments to the Specification are being provided to include the biological deposit numbers for the monoclonal antibodies disclosed but not claimed in this application. Applicants respectfully submit that the amendments to the Specification are necessary and proper, and that no new matter is being added in the amendments to the Specification.

(NOTE: check on rules on addition of numbers)

[0135] Eight mAbs were obtained that recognize both the rat LEC 175HARE and 300HARE in Western blots after either nonreducing (FIG. 3) or reducing (FIG. 4) SDS-PAGE. The eight mAbs include mAb-28 (ATCC number PTA-5354), mAb-30 (ATCC number PTA-5355), mAb-54 (ATCC number PTA-5356), mAb-154 (not viable for biological deposit), mAb-159 (ATCC number PTA-5358), mAb-174 (ATCC number PTA-5359), mAb-235 (ATCC number PTA-5359), and mAb-467 (ATCC number PTA-5361), and the mAbs were deposited with the American Type Culture Collection Patent Depository on July 30, 2003. Three mAbs (numbers 54, 159 and 174) recognize both reduced HAREs in Western blots. Most of the mAbs raised against the nonreduced 175HARE no longer react with either HARE species after reduction (FIGS. 3 and 4). The exceptions are mAb-159 and mAb-174, which recognize both the 175HARE and 300HARE proteins in Western blots, whether

they are reduced (FIG. 4) or nonreduced (FIG. 3). MAb-54 recognizes only the reduced HAREs (FIGS. 3 and 4, lanes 3).